

PREGNANCY / CHILDBIRTH

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Is patient alert?
 Is patient breathing normally?
 Was there an injury? What is it?
 Has she had a seizure?
 Is she bleeding?
 If yes, is the bleeding like a period, spotting, or heavy flow?
 How does she feel when she sits up?
 Has she had any problems during pregnancy or anticipated problems?
 Is she having cramping pains that come and go? If yes, how often?
 Does she feel the urge to go to the bathroom?
 Is this the first pregnancy?
 How far along is she?
 If this is not the first pregnancy, during the previous pregnancy:
 _ How long was she in labor before delivery?
 _ Were there any complications?
 _ Was the delivery vaginal or surgical?
 If post delivery, is the baby breathing?

SIMULTANEOUS ALS/BLS

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Unconscious/not breathing normally.
 Imminent delivery.
 Delivery.
 Vaginal bleeding with fainting.
 Fainting/near fainting with patient sitting up.
 Prior history of complicated delivery.
 Bleeding, greater than 20 weeks pregnant.
 Premature active labor greater than 4 weeks premature.
 Abdominal injury, if greater than 20 weeks pregnant.
 Seizure.

BLS DISPATCH

Delivery not imminent.
 Vaginal bleeding without fainting if under 20 weeks pregnant.
 Abdominal injury, if less than 20 weeks pregnant.
 Water broke.
 Pregnant less than 20 weeks or menstrual with any of the following:
 _ Cramps
 _ Pelvic Pain
 _ Spotting

PREGNANCY / CHILDBIRTH Pre-Arrival Instructions

Do not use the toilet.
Have the patient lie down on her left side.
Keep the patient warm.
Gather patient medications, if any.
Do not flush toilet or dispose of used pads.
If the patient's condition changes, call me back.

Prompts

If unconscious, go to UNCONSCIOUS/BREATHING NORMALLY AIRWAY CONTROL
If unconscious, NOT breathing normally, go to CPR for appropriate age group.
Imminent and post delivery, go to CHILDBIRTH instructions.

Short Report

Age
Sex
Specific location
Chief complaint
Pertinent related symptoms
Medical/Surgical history, if any
Other agencies responding
Any dangers to responding units